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MAGI # 0440882504HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION  
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

## PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

APR 10 1984

1. Name of property: N/AAddress of property: 652 W. Conway StreetCity Baltimore

County \_\_\_\_\_

State MDName of historic district in which property is located: RIDGELY'S DELIGHTMARYLAND HISTORICAL  
TRUST  
Zip Code 21230

Check here if request is for:

- ☒ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)  
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)  
☐ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements-use reverse side if necessary)

See reverse.

3. Statement of Significance:

(use reverse side if necessary)

See reverse.

Date of construction (if known): c. 1840 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name David and Judy DescoteauStreet 6140 Scarborough WayCity ColumbiaState MDZip Code 21044Telephone number (during day): Area Code (301) 992-1810

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(AGENT)

Date 4/9/84

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number

D. Descoteau-J. Descoteau-

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60) and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or ☐ will likely ☐ will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State Historic Preservation Officer

## PART I, #2

652 N. Conway Street is a 2½ story corner row unit. The structure is brick. The front facade faces south. This building was residential on the second and third levels and commercial on the first. The party wall between 652 and 650 N. Conway Street has been removed apparently to enlarge the commercial area. The stairs to the second level have either been removed or demolished. The second level has several partition wall frames set up, as does the loft area. The frames in the loft area appear to be very new. There are stairs connecting the second level to the loft area.

On the exterior of the building, the entrance sits on a diagonal facing southwest. There were large windows on the south and west walls of the building adjacent to the door but they have been filled with cinderblock and brick. The door is a flush wood style with a small diamond shaped window. There is a metal security door in front of the wood one. There is a transom over the door but the window is missing. A metal security gate is over the transom.

The side facade is divided into two sections. The front section has the loft area on top. There are two windows, one each of the first and second floor. The window on the first floor has been bricked in. The rear section of the building is only two stories high. There are three windows on the second level and two windows and a door on the first. The windows on the first level have been bricked in. The windows on the second level are missing sashes but the sills are intact. All windows on the first floor are trimmed with yellow brick.\*

## PART I, #3

The significance of 652 N. Conway Street as a historic residence lies in the fact that it is an integral part of the Ridgely's Delight historic district. Ridgely's Delight has been certified as eligible for listing in the Federal Historic Register and has already been certified as a municipal historic district.

Originally, the area of Ridgely's Delight sprang up around a Susquehannock Indian trail. Early settlers stamped a path through the area that connected it to the colonies to the north and south.

In 1714, a survey was undertaken for a Mr. John Parrish on a tract of land named Brotherly Love. Col. Charles Ridgely resurveyed Brotherly Love in 1732 and combined it with several other tracts of land. One of the tracts was Howard's Timber Neck, which Ridgely's wife Rachel had received as an inheritance from her grandfather, the original patentee (1668). Conway Street was a part of Howard's Timber Neck, which was combined with other tracts to form Ridgely's Delight.

652 N. Conway Street is very typical of the Federal and Italianate style houses that characterize the neighborhood. Important architectural features of the house are its diminishing window size and the loft area. These features can be found on many of the houses in the Ridgely district.

This house sits near the western border of the Ridgely district. From Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, the house is very visible and as this thoroughfare is widely used by both Baltimoreans and "out-of-towners", the location and condition of the house is important to the entire district.

\*An engineering report documenting these conditions is forthcoming.



FRONT ELEVATION

AFTER REHAB

DRAWING # 5

B-4088  
GAF, OR EQUAL, CLASS "A"  
ASPHALT SHINGLES

PTD WOOD  
FASCIA

REMOVE  
EXIST.  
ADD.

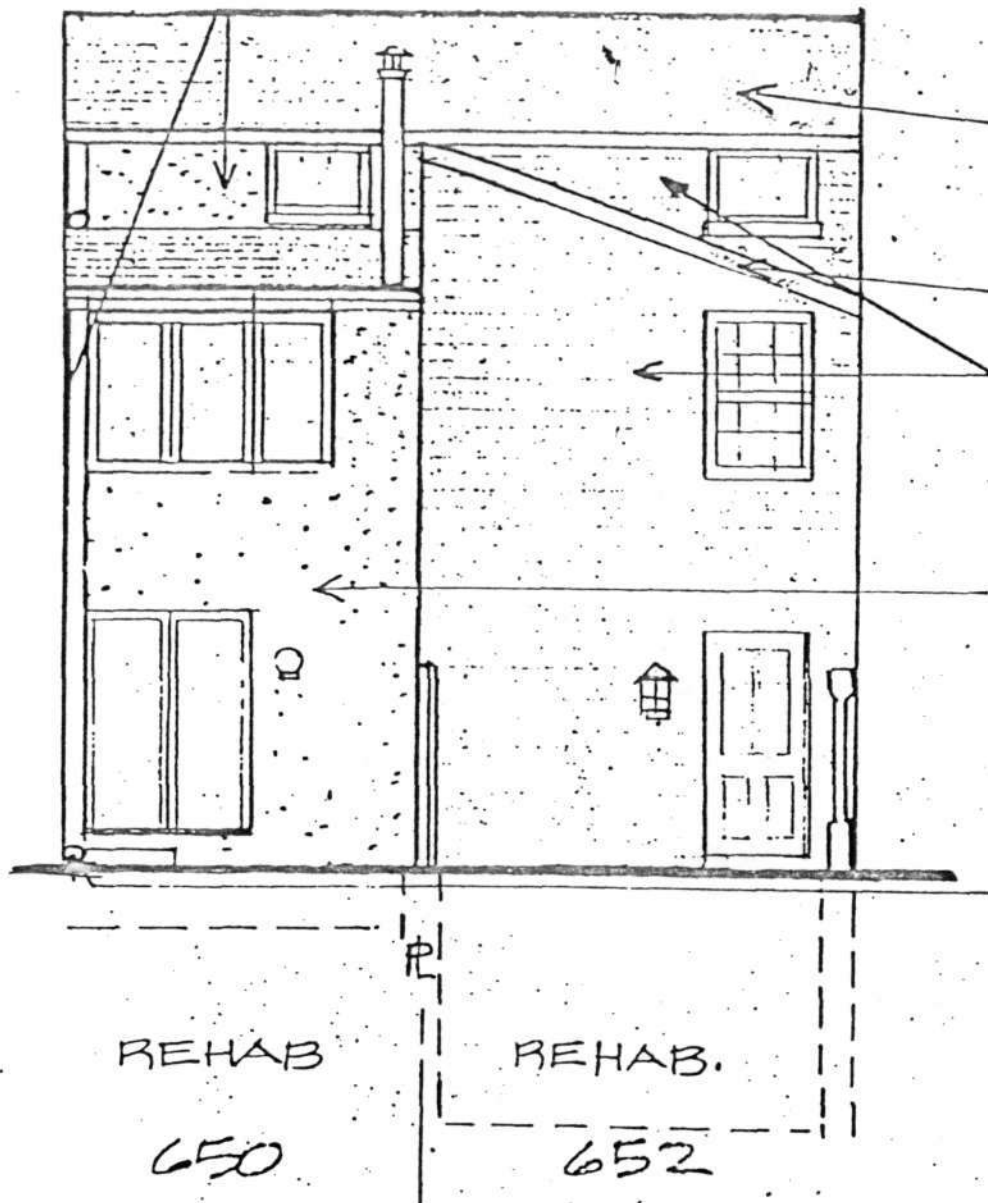
1010 SQ. FT.

652 W. CONWAY ST. / SIDE ELEVATION

1/8" = 1'-0"

(FACING FREMONT AVE)

DRAWING #6



REHAB

650

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REAR ELEVATION

AFTER REHAB

DRAWING #7



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652 W.Conway Street  
Block 861 Lot 027  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore West Quad.

